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*Grand Master
Jack Pierce*

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Message From Our CEO

Well, it's time for our UWTA Nationals in Reno and we are excited to bring the UWTA family together to enjoy friendship, competition and to celebrate our continued growth and success. Last year was a very busy year for the organization as we worked to solidify our position as one of the top Taekwondo organizations in America. As most of you know, we strive and actively work hard at ensuring the UWTA provides our members with the best Taekwondo program available anywhere in the world. Our events, programs, training curriculum and program support for our dojangs is unmatched in the industry. We are proud that our "student quality" matches and exceeds that of most all organizations out there trying to keep up with "us".

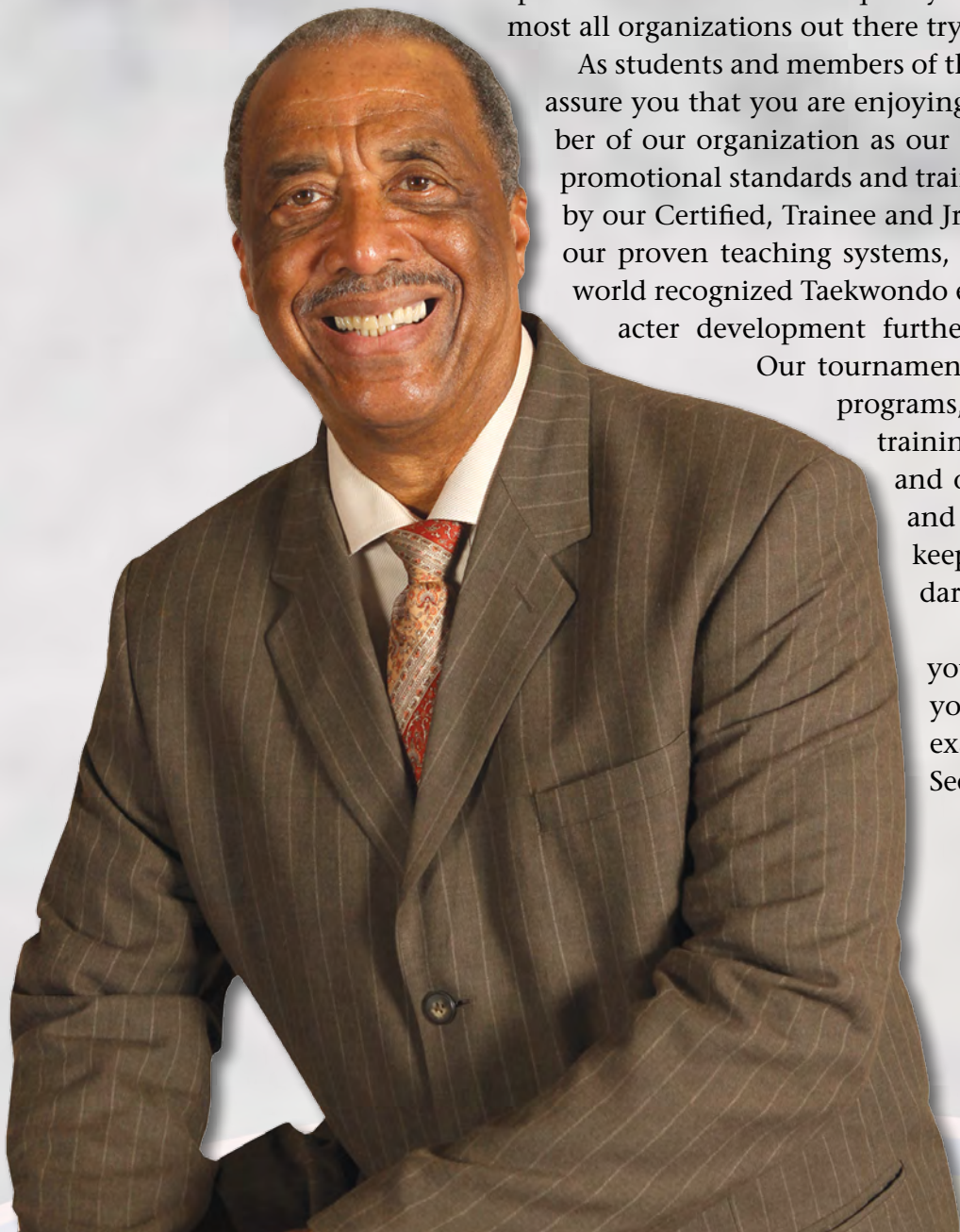
As students and members of the UWTA, I want to personally assure you that you are enjoying the benefits of being a member of our organization as our teaching systems, curriculum, promotional standards and training programs being delivered by our Certified, Trainee and Jr. Leadership Instructors, using our proven teaching systems, bring you a high quality and world recognized Taekwondo experience. Our focus on character development further enhances your experience.

Our tournament circuit, judging certification programs, special regional and national training seminars, UWTA magazine and other organizational programs and communication tools help keep you informed and our standards and quality enforced.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Reno event and wish you all success in your training, examinations and competition. See you soon...

Yours in Taekwondo,

**Clinton Robinson,
9th Dan, Grand Master
and CEO-UWTA**



Grand Master Clinton Robinson

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The United World Taekwondo Association would like to introduce Grand Master Jack Pierce, 9th Dan, Korea Taekwondo MooDukKwan Association and UWTA member. G. M. Pierce has played a major role in the lives of Grand Master Clint Robinson, Chief Master Willie Rankins, Chief Master Jack Corrie as well as many others by influencing their Taekwondo careers. It is with pleasure that we share his story...



near Memphis. G.M. Pierce worked after school, graduated from Millington High School in 1968 and then attended business college in Memphis. He didn't have much time for organized sports as a kid. As a younger teenager, he had a paper route; then worked in a pizza restaurant through high school.

G.M. Pierce was born June 1, 1950, in Franklin, Louisiana. He moved to Pensacola, Florida soon after and lived there until he was 12. In 1962, he moved with his mother and stepfather to California for two years, then to Millington, Tennessee. His stepfather was in the Navy and was stationed at the base

His real post high school education started in 1969 when he joined the U.S. Air Force and got into law enforcement. As a security policeman, his final job title was a law enforcement corrections supervisor. Education is more than classroom, in school or the military. Travel is educational too. In late 1969, G.M. Pierce was off to the U.S. Airbase in Osan, Korea. He began martial arts training in January 20, 1970, with Master Chun Sik Kim in Tangsoodo Moo Duk Kwan.



Summer 1973 – Taiwan G.M. Pierce, G.M. Robinson, & Brooks Marlow in G.M. Robinson's off-base Taekwondo school.



1973 – Taiwan – Picture from movie Black Dragon vs Yellow Tiger.



1973 – Taiwan – G.M. Pierce breaking 12 tiles with his head.



Summer 1974 – Taiwan – G.M. Robinson & G.M. Pierce sparring.



1974 – CCK Air Base, Taiwan – G.M. Pierce executing twin front jump kick.



1978 – Sacramento, CA – G.M. Pierce demonstrating 6 1/2' jump side kick.

r Jack Pierce

Tangsoodo is similar in technique to Taekwondo but uses different forms.

After starting Tangsoodo, G.M. Pierce trained two years to achieve 1st Degree Black Belt. Then he was shipped back to the U.S. for six months before heading for C.C.K. Airbase in Taiwan. He taught unarmed self defense to Air Force security personnel and went looking for more martial arts training. Taiwan didn't have any Tangsoodo schools that he could find, but he met an American Taekwondo instructor at; of all places, a kung fu school. He trained with that fellow airman and Korean stylist in a move that eventually brought him into the American Taekwondo Association. That instructor was G.M. Robinson, a 5th degree black belt at the time. During that time, G.M. Pierce kept up his original training and flew to Korea in 1973 to successfully test for his 2nd Degree in Tangsoodo.

In August 1973, he was in a Chinese kung fu movie with G.M. Robinson. G.M. Robinson had won the National Taiwan Taekwondo Championships twice. The producers were looking for big foreigners to get killed in the movie. After G.M. Robinson left Taiwan, G.M. Pierce tested for his 1st degree black belt in Taekwondo October 1974. While overseas, he also met C.M. Rankins.

He got out of the Air Force in October, 1975 and had talked to G.M. Robinson a number of times about starting a Taekwondo school together. He headed back home to Memphis and met a senior Korean instructor and got his Taekwondo 2nd degree in 1976. He moved to Sacramento, California in January 1977, to start a school with G.M. Robinson. After moving to Sacramento, he continued training in Taekwondo and in

Tangsoodo with Grand Master Andy Ahpo. It was at Master Ahpo's school that he first met C.M. Corrie, who was training in Tangsoodo and soon after transferred to their first Taekwondo dojang on the first day it opened.

During the late 1970's and the early 1980's, G.M. Pierce and G.M. Robinson completed in over 100 open karate tournaments. During this time, G.M. Pierce



2004 – Lynnwood, WA – Pictures of G.M. Pierce and his daughter Kendra.

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Grand Master Kim Attends Olympics

Grand Master Kim, a UWTA Board Member had the honor of representing the World Taekwondo Federation, Kukkiwon America and the UWTA at the Summer Olympics Taekwondo competition in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil last month.

Taekwondo was introduced into the Olympics as a demonstration sport at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea. Since that time, the sport spread across the world. It has undergone a number of changes to keep it exciting and to improve judging.

Today's competition finds technology at the heart of the fairness issue, with sensors built into the feet, hands, chest and head gear. These sensors are now set, based on the foot pound rating for the weight class and designed to score only "shocking blows".

Olympic competition is held on an octagon shaped floor mat with fighters having to endure three, 3 minute rounds with a 1 minute of rest between rounds. Local competitions typically only have two, 2 minute



rounds with a 30-60 second rest period. Scoring of the continuous fighting is much easier with electronic sensors. The scoring format gives 4 points for a spinning head kick, 3 points for a kick to the head, 2 points for a spin kick to the body and 1 point for a punch or kick to the body (no punches to the

face are allowed).

The UWTA hosts a Kukkiwon Cup event each year as a venue for our UWTA members to try Olympic style, continuous sparring in a safe format. The format has both an A Division and B Division. The A Division allows for head kicks and the B Division does not allow head kicks. Thus, the B Division is for beginners who want to "learn the game".

Continuous sparring may seem difficult but it truly is the same as "classroom sparring" and in many cases it is much easier and safer than "point sparring" where head kicks are allowed. All UWTA dojangs teach a combination of both point and Olympic sparring.



2016 Seoul World Taekwondo Leaders Forum

Grand Masters Clinton Robinson, Jin Young Kim and Ki Hong Kim attended the "World Taekwondo Leaders Forum" in Seoul, Korea, during the first week of August, representing the UWTA. During this event, they were appointed to the Kukkiwon Advisory Board and asked to share their opinions on how to help Kukkiwon meet their goals. With more than a century of experience between them, they provided the Kukkiwon with their beliefs on how to keep the Kukkiwon at the forefront of Taekwondo leadership.

Kukkiwon Taekwondo is practiced in over 200 countries around the world and faces many challenges with language barriers and cultural differences. Leaders strive to provide trusted organizations like the UWTA and dojang operators around the world with high quality, standardized Taekwondo programs. Kukkiwon spends millions of dollars each year in research and development aimed at continuous improvement of Taekwondo.

The forum is designed to share the future of Taekwondo with global Taekwondo leaders and get their input on the future directions and goals. With Taekwondo experiencing growth world-wide, the Kukkiwon sees that it's getting more important not only to deliver the spirit and technique of Taekwondo, but also to emphasize the role of masters and the necessity of academic exchanges for the future of global Taekwondo leaders. Particularly, it is highly valuable to gather in one place and make this event the venue where all can communicate our worthwhile experiences.

Grand Master Robinson said, *"I enjoyed this forum and am pleased to see the Kukkiwon emphasizing character development as a key piece of our Taekwondo curriculum"*.

UWTA leadership, input and involvement ensures that our members and students continue to get the best training available in the martial arts market.



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Pourarian's Taekwondo Attends Annual 2016 UWTA Korea Trip

The UWTA provides an opportunity for UWTA members and dojang operators to participate in the annual Korea trip, hosted by UWTA board member, Grand Master Ki Hong Kim. This year, Pourarian's TKD had an incredible trip to Korea that included sight-seeing, special training, a visit to Kukkiwon, participation in the World Expo and a visit to Taekwondowon.

The trip took place from July 13-22 and was action packed from day one. The traveling team consisted of instructors, students and the family of students (even Master Pourarian's mom went!). Grand Master Kim didn't pull any punches when it came to treating the tourists with the highest class of services, food and accommodations (Hilton Lotte World Hotel). The sight-seeing excursions were filled with history and amazing photos opportunities while the Taekwondo experience was world class.

Students and instructors competed in the 2016 World Taekwondo Expo Tournament in poomsae and sparring. They also participated in seminars throughout a four day stay at the incredible Taekwondowon. The Taekwondowon is a \$600 million dollar Mecca, devoted to enhancing one's Taekwondo experience through mind, body and spirit. Taekwondowon is an amazing place with housing for 3,000 athletes, central gymnasium for competition, indoor and outdoor training facilities, museum, cafeteria and acres of peaceful and tranquil natural trails, rivers and grounds to walk and enjoy. It was at the Taekwondowon that



Master Pourarian was presented with an award for her dedication to the globalization of Taekwondo.

The crew also visited the Korean Sports University and trained with gold medalist Grand Master Kook Hyun Jung. The Kukkiwon headquarters was another stop in which students trained with Grand Master Ahn in poomsae and watched a private show by the Kukkiwon demo team. It was at the

Kukkiwon that the president of Kukkiwon presented an award to Master Pourarian for her "outstanding contribution to the development and dissemination of Taekwondo."

"It was a huge surprise and incredible honor to be recognized by the Taekwondowon and Kukkiwon. It made it extra special that my students were there with me to be a part of it", said Master Pourarian.

None of these experiences (including private dinners with Kukkiwon president and Korean Taekwondo Association President, etc) would have been possible without the hospitality of Grand Master Ki Hong Kim and Pourarian's TKD is grateful for his generosity.

The UWTA encourages all of our dojang operators to make this experience available to their Taekwondo students. It truly is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and traveling to the homeland of Korea is something that every student should experience. All UWTA students are welcome to join other UWTA dojang's that are traveling on this annual trip.



UWTA Seniors Attend Kukkiwon Master's Course in Korea

Chief Master Corrie and Grand Master Jin Young Kim attended the Master Instructors Certification Course in Korea last month. The certification course was designed to ensure all instructors; regardless of country, were teaching the Kukkiwon program and delivering the curriculum as required.

The UWTA has a keen focus on quality control. Kukkiwon courses were attended by seniors, which ensured our members and students were receiving the finest Taekwondo program available anywhere in the world.

The seniors brought back the most current teaching methods, curriculum and knowledge and then shared it during our UWTA Instructor Training Session. This kept the UWTA on the leading edge of Taekwondo.

The course was a 5 day program that began promptly at 8 am each day and ended around 8 pm. The course included classroom instruction on history, philosophy, character development, dojang operations, instruction methods, health, TKD injuries, Korean terminology for teaching; basic techniques, advanced techniques, Poomsae, self-defense, Ho-Sin-Sool, Olympic sparring, lots of physical training drills and workouts. License testing included a written



42 Countries were represented in the 2016 Kukkiwon Master Instructor Course.

exam, completion of all courses and a practical test on Poomsae. Examinations were videotaped and critically scored. Licenses were issued based on rank with 4th-5th Dan's receiving level 3, 6th-7th Dan's level 2 and 8th-9th Dan's receiving a level 1 license.

Continuing education was mandatory for all UWTA senior ranks and the Kukkiwon courses were very much a part of promotional requirements in the higher ranks of the UWTA. Most seniors of the UWTA possessed Rank and their Master and Examiners License from the Kukkiwon. This allowed the UWTA to examine and issue to all Black Belts the coveted Kukkiwon Rank Certificate.



Chief Master Corrie Receives "Honor Graduate" Award From Academy President.



Grand Master J. H. Lee, Chief Master Corrie & Grand Master Jin Young Kim, UWTA Advisor.

UWTA National Championships "Final Four" 2016 Competition Brackets



The UWTA will be hosting the 2016 "Final Four" competition on Friday evening, September 30 at the Reno Events Center in Reno, Nevada. This year's competition for the below listed competitors will begin at 8:00 pm and is scheduled to be completed by 10:00 pm. All competitors for this event are to be in the staging area by 7:30 pm. We will have 6 rings set up and our level 3, pre-assigned high ranking black belts will be judging the event.

The organization wants to wish all the competitors the best of luck as they compete for the title of UWTA National Champion for this year's Black Belt Tournament Circuit. It's been an exciting year with black belts traveling across the country to compete and earn points. All the competitors have been training hard for this event and it will be an exciting and highly competitive competition. We encourage everyone to come out and root for their favorite competitors.

The individuals listed below are invited to the competition. In the case of any ties, we will have those tied compete first and then set the final four into the bracket. As with every year, in Poomsae, the point leader will compete last in the final four and in sparring the brackets will have #1 compete against #4 and #2 compete against #3 in the first round. As this is a high level of competition, all competitors are cautioned on show-boating and are expected to display self-discipline and a high level of respect for their fellow competitors. If a competitor is absent, the designated competitor in the first round will automatically be moved to the finals.

In the 2017 circuit, there must be at least 4 competitors for a division to be eligible for "Final Four" competition and crowning of a National Champion.

MEN'S SPARRING

Boys 8 and Under

- 1st TJ Park
- 2nd Bryton Harrison
- 3rd Chase Dayog
- 4th Brandon Wong

Boys 9-10

- 1st Rahim Lindsay
- 2nd James Membrere
- 3rd Tristan Bird
- 4th Cole Marmins

Boys 11-12

- 1st Brian Hall
- 2nd Emilio Valdovinos
- 3rd Gilbert Sanchez Torres
- 4th Angel Lopez-Flores

Boys 13-14 Cand & 1st Dan

- 1st Riley Stalker
- 2nd Hunter Saison
- 3rd Diego Fernandez
- 4th Nikolai Membrere

Boys 13-14

- 2nd & 3rd Dan
- 1st Shukri Suhir
- 2nd Lorenzo Ortega
- 3rd Ashton Moger
- 4th Ryen De Los Santos

Boys 15-17

- Cand & 1st Dan
- 1st Robert Valderrama Jr.
- 2nd Alexander Korpela
- 3rd Anthony David
- 4th Kevin Ismerio

Boys 15-17

- 2nd & 3rd Dan
- 1st Dillon Wilder
- 2nd Collin Sides
- 3rd Andrew Eugenio
- 4th Christopher Archibald
- 4th Alexander Way

Men 18-29

- Cand & 1st Dan
- 1st Isaiah Padua
- 2nd Timothy Wilder
- 3rd Connor Sichler
- 4th Taylor Osorio

Men 18-29

- 2nd & 3rd Dan
- 1st Phillip Meyer
- 2nd Robert Maybie
- 3rd Johnathan Cabigting
- 4th Chinagaram Ihejirika

Men 18-29

- 4th & 5th Dan
- 1st Jarrett Blankenship
- 2nd Timothy Franklin
- 3rd James Carswell

Men 30-39

- Cand & 1st Dan
- 1st Evelio Feitas
- 2nd Robby Northamn
- 3rd Fernando Garcia
- 4th David Pancarowicz
- 4th Ryan Senecal

Men 30-39

- 2nd & 3rd Dan
- 1st Joshua Szlachciuk
- 2nd Lonny Butler

Men 30-39 4th & 5th

- 1st Nick Beard
- 2nd Adam Frega
- 3rd Robert Salvo
- 4th Ali Arfa
- 4th Sean Dalton

Men 40-49

- Cand & 1st Dan
- 1st Tony Park
- 2nd Bill Bollinger
- 3rd Craig Swan
- 4th Mike Massaro

Men 40-49

- 2nd & 3rd Dan
- 1st William Wong
- 2nd Nicholas Sadowy
- 3rd Eric Bogard
- 4th Thomas Long

Men 40-49

- 4th Dan & Up
- 1st Greg Woodward
- 2nd Dave Haberman

Men 50-59

- Cand - 2nd Dan
- 1st Robert Campbell
- 2nd David Ray
- 3rd June Valencia

Men 50-59

- 4rd Dan & Up
- 1st John Patton

Men 60 and Over

- 3rd - 5th Dan
- 1st Rock Corey
- 2nd Jim Cottrell

UWTA Hosted Special Kukkiwon Cup Event in Northern California

The UWTA hosted the First Annual Kukkiwon Cup in Sacramento, California on June 25, 2016. The event was a huge success for everyone that attended. The Kukkiwon Cup was designed as an event to bring together Kukkiwon dojangs in a festival-like setting with the goal of everyone participating to have a fun, exciting and educational experience with Taekwondo. Grand Master Jong Lee, said, "The only ones who lost today were those who chose not to participate". This message was true in many ways.

Kukkiwon Cup events are specifically designed to allow novice competitors to gain experience in Olympic style sparring and Poomsae competition in a safe and still challenging manner. In the Olympic Sparring there are two divisions: The A Division and the B Division.

The A Division is designed for the more experienced competitors and allows for head kicks in scoring points. The B Division is for novices or beginners, there are no head kicks allowed and typically they fight two shorter rounds. The B Division also groups competitors by rank, age, height and weight into groups of



four and awarding four medals per group, thus ensuring all competitors are rewarded for challenging themselves to compete.

Poomsae also has two divisions with the A Division being for the more seasoned athletes and the B Division for the novice and beginners. It is the goal of the Kukkiwon to provide this Kukkiwon Cup venue in an effort to al-

low the novice competitors an environment to gain experience in this exciting sport, while ensuring a safe environment exists for learning and gaining the skills necessary to move to the A Division and ultimately into state, regional, national and international competition should one desire. Previously, there was no novice environment available for gaining Olympic sparring experience and most beginners were cast into the heat of the A Division and walking away with ill feelings about competition.

The UWTA looks forward to hosting a Kukkiwon Cup for our UWTA members and local Kukkiwon dojangs in an effort to ensure our students and members are able to experience a traditional journey in Taekwondo.



Kukkiwon's New President Hyun Deuk Oh

Grand Master Jong Lee and Chief Master Jack Corrie presented Kukkiwon President Hyun Deuk Oh with a special congratulations plaque on his appointment by Korea's President to the position of President of the Kukkiwon.

President Oh was previously the Vice President of the Kukkiwon. As the Vice President, he has rolled out a number of major initiatives to provide Kukkiwon members with better access to Kukkiwon programs and to improve the quality of Kukkiwon Taekwondo.

The most recent improvements included establishment of the Kukkiwon America organization to deliver Kukkiwon courses to the six regions of the United



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States. Since the establishment of the Kukkiwon America organization, many of our UWTA seniors have attended the Kukkiwon Master Instructor and Examiners courses in the United States. He also rolled out the Kukkiwon Examiners License Program in an effort to ensure that proper exam grading and scoring is conducted in Kukkiwon black belt examinations.

Kukkiwon is the heart of Taekwondo and is recognized globally as the governing body for Taekwondo. They provide a standardized curriculum, examination require-

ments and black belt certification. The Kukkiwon certificate is the only certificate honored for international competition in WTF global events.

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Braxton Warren Has a 2020 Olympic Vision

By Darlene Long

You see him walking around tournaments, helping with testing and oftentimes leading the charge at major UWTA events, but what do you really know about Braxton Warren? This amazing young man who started Taekwondo at just three years of age has great aspirations and has set out to make a name for himself in the Taekwondo world.

At just 19 years old, Braxton, a 4th Degree Black Belt, has already accomplished what many only hope and aspire to. Under the direction of Senior Master Clinton S. Robinson, Braxton started teaching at Robinson's Taekwondo North at the age of 13, where Braxton showed a lot of fortitude and loved working with students. His love for teaching and working hard was a good example to those younger than him, allowed Senior Master Robinson to hone Braxton into his chief instructor, where today he teaches a very successful program.

Braxton is also very active in the tournament world and is the Director for the Robinson's Taekwondo Tournament Productions team; which puts on the Sacramento Invitational and the Goodwill Tournaments, where people from all over the Taekwondo world come to compete. Additionally, Braxton now holds the position of National Vice President of Tournaments for the United World Taekwondo Association. This position has him busy throughout the year, making sure all regions within the United World Taekwondo Organization have what they need to be successful and that all tournament policies and procedures are followed by each region.

This year brought many new challenges to Braxton, as he joined the 2016 California State Team



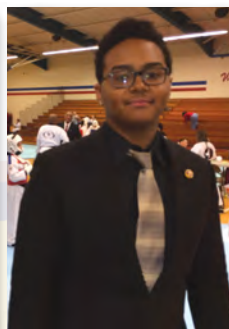
for CUTA (California United Taekwondo Association). Along with his teammates, Braxton worked hard to get in shape and after many competitions, reached his goal of being the 2016 Collegiate Championship Gold Medalist in Olympic style sparring in his weight class.

Because of his success here in the U.S., Braxton was asked to join the 2016 CUTA Cos-

ta Rica Open Team and was a Senior Team member. The Costa Rica tournament was a g1 tournament, which is for elite athletes on national teams and Olympians and is a chance to put up Olympic ranking points.

In late August, Braxton travelled to Costa Rica to compete and though he gave it his best effort, he came up short. But he is excited for the 2017 tournament year, where he will go to the Presidents Cup in Portland. With a goal and dream of going to the 2020 Olympics, the Presidents Cup Tournament is also a g1 event for Olympic ranking points and it is Braxton's hope that he will start the process towards accumulating enough points to qualify for the Olympic tryouts.

So, next time you see Braxton with his headset on, clipboard in hand, know this is a young man with goals, desires and a whole lot of heart who embodies courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self control and an indomitable spirit!



Olympic Style Continuous Sparring 2017 Tournament Circuit

UWTA is introducing "Olympic Style" continuous sparring for the 2017 tournament circuit with "limited" divisions by age only, no weight classes.



USAT Jr. safety rules with "touch contact" for kicks to the head. Two minute rounds with a 30 second rest. Olympic sparring gear not required but recommended.

Fee for entry is \$75 and cannot be counted as second divisions (example: you cannot point spar and Olympic spar and call it two divisions; however, you can Olympic spar and do Poomsae as in Olympic Division). If you wish to do Olympic sparring and point sparring, it will require two separate registration forms.

UWTA certified Olympic/Kukkiwon Cup judges will be used. UWTA national & regional events will use these divisions for the tournament year at all events.

BLACK BELTS ONLY

Divisions will be:

Men/Women

(12-14) (15-17) (18-31)

One ring will be used
for this competition.

Register On Line for this event at: www.uwta.org

Our Taekwondo MooDukKwan Lineage

The United World Taekwondo Association has a lineage directly connected to the MooDuk-Kwan. What does that mean? Just as a family has a lineage and linkage to their ancestors, so does the UWTA. In the early days, after the Japanese occupation of Korea, Kwan's were formed (late 1940's and early 1950's). Kwan's were groups or organizations of different martial arts styles, lead by the early founders of the groups.

In 1964, Grand Master Myung Kyu Kang came to Sacramento, California to attend college and open a dojang. The dojang is still here today, located on 16th Street in downtown Sacramento. When Kang came, he left behind several dozen dojangs in Seoul, Korea, in the able hands of our Grand Master Jong Hwan Lee, a 4th Dan at the time. Grand Master Kang was one of the original members of the MooDukKwan and trained directly under the late Grand Master Hwang Kee, founder of the MooDukKwan in Korea.



Grand Master Clinton Robinson was one of Kang's early students in the late 1960's. In fact in 1968, when Grand Master Lee was brought to America to compete in the first USA vs. Korea competition, our Grand Master Robinson was sent to the airport to pick him up.

Today, in honor of our MooDuk-Kwan lineage, we perform KeeCho IL-Jang, as the first Poomsae taught to our white belt beginners at all UWTA dojangs. Keeping our lineage alive is important to the UWTA as the leadership believes. Just as in your family, we should always remember our roots and the values systems of our family.

If you attend our national event in Reno this year, you can meet Grand Master Jae Kyu Chon, the current President of the Korea Taekwondo MooDukKwan Hae (Association). In fact, black belts will be given the opportunity to purchase a duplicate MooDukKwan Black Belt Certificate at the event (you will only receive a certificate with your current UWTA rank).

Special MooDukKwan Rank Certificate "Assimilation" fee will be:

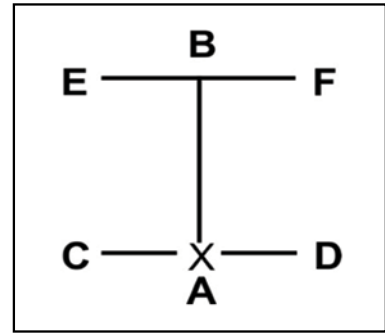
1 st Dan \$50	4 th Dan \$125	7 th Dan \$200
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3 rd Dan \$100	6 th Dan \$175	9 th Dan \$250



KEECHO IL JANG: 9TH GRADE WHITE BELT FORM/POOMSAE

- NEW STANCES: Front Stance (Ap Kubi)
- NEW BLOCKS: Low Block (Arae Makki)
- NEW STRIKES: Punch (Momtong Bandae Jireugi)
- NEW KICKS: None

Meaning: KeeCho Il Jang is a MooDukKwan poomse and is performed at this belt level to represent the heritage of the UWTA group.



READY STANCE: Left Parallel Ready Stance (Naranhi Seogi)

1. Left foot steps counter clockwise to C into left front stance, left low block.
2. Right foot steps to C into right front stance, right punch to mid-section.
3. Right foot steps clockwise to D into right front stance, right low block.
4. Left foot steps to D into left front stance, left punch to mid-section.
5. Left foot steps counter clockwise to B into left front stance, left low block.
6. Right foot steps to B into right front stance, right punch to mid-section.
7. Left foot steps to B into left front stance, left punch to mid-section.
8. Right foot steps to B into right front stance, right punch to mid-section. **Kihap.**
9. Left foot steps counter clockwise to F into left stance, left low block.
10. Right foot steps to F into right front stance, right punch to mid-section.
11. Right foot steps clockwise to E into right stance, right low block.
12. Left foot steps to E into left front stance, left punch to mid-section.
13. Left foot steps counter clockwise to A into left front stance, left low block.
14. Right foot steps to A into right front stance, right punch to mid-section.
15. Left foot steps to A into left front stance, left punch to mid-section.
16. Right foot steps to A into right front stance, right punch to mid-section. **Kihap.**
17. Left foot steps counter clockwise to C into left stance, left low block.
18. Right foot steps to C into right front stance, right punch to mid-section.
19. Right foot steps clockwise to D into right front stance, right low block.
20. Left foot steps to D into left front stance, left punch to mid-section.

END: Left foot steps back counter clockwise to ready stance.



June 1990 – Little Rock, Arkansas – G.M. Pierce breaks 10 boards (not spaced) during demonstration at the ATA Grand Nationals.



Grand Master Jack Pierce today.

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was nicknamed “Crazy Jack”, because of the way he fought and the demonstrations he performed.

In October, 1985 G.M. Pierce moved to Everett, Washington. Since that time until presently, he started the Hwa-Rang Taekwondo Federation in December 1999 and achieved his 9th Degree Black Belt in June 2012. His daughter, Kendra Lynn Pierce, who was born on August 10, 1989, started training with G. M. Pierce in June 2004 and achieved her 1st Degree Black Belt in June 2006.

G.M. Pierce joined forces with the UWTA on July 1, 2015, officially merging the HTF into the UWTA and successfully tested for 9th Dan in the UWTA/Korea Taekwondo MooDukKwan Association on October 2, 2015.

G.M. Pierce is currently an Executive Vice President of the UWTA and is responsible for overseeing all tournament operations and policy for the organization. In addition, he oversees all operations in the Pacific Northwest, which includes: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and Canada.

NATIONAL AWARDS

Year	Award
1988	Feature Story in Taekwondo World Magazine
1989	American Taekwondo Association National Achievement Award
1989	American Taekwondo Association Hall of Fame
1989	American Taekwondo Association National Instructor of the Year
1991	American Taekwondo Association National Appreciation Award
1992	American Taekwondo Association Outstanding Leadership Award
1992	American Taekwondo Association – Received Mastership
1996	International Taekwondo Council Hall of Fame
1996	International Taekwondo Council School of the Year
1999	International Taekwondo Council National Appreciation Award
2005	Hwa-Rang Taekwondo Federation – Achieved Grand Mastership
2011	United World Taekwondo Association National Appreciation Award

SPECIAL TRAINING AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

Date	Instructor Certification
02/26/89	Pressure Point & Control Tactics (PPCT) Instructor
07/08/90	Criminal Countermeasures Instructor
01/31/91	PPCT Defense Tactics Instructor
05/31/95	ITO Level I/II Inayan Eskrima Instructor
11/15/95	ITO Instructor of Inayan Sinawali Eskrima
11/15/95	ITO Instructor of Inayan Dequerdas Eskrima
02/28/96	ITO Level III Inayan Eskrima Instructor
04/09/96	ITO Level IV Inayan Eskrima Instructor Trainer
05/05/96	ITO Level I Larga Mano Instructor Trainer
08/20/96	ITO Reactive Knife Defense Instructor
10/19/96	ITO Level II Larga Mano Instructor Trainer
03/01/99	International Taekwondo Federation Instructor Certification
04/40/99	ITO Larga Mano Instructor of Inayan Eskrima

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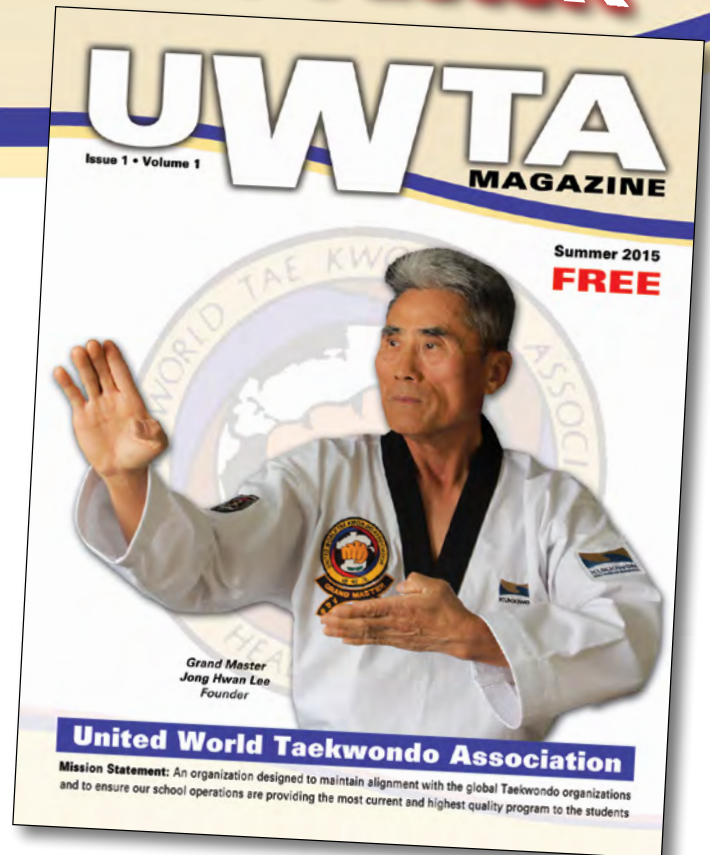
Date	Rank		Martial Art	Location
01/20/70	9th Grade White Belt	Tangsoodo	Osan Air Base, Korea	
03/20/71	6th Grade Green Belt	Tangsoodo	Osan Air Base, Korea	
09/18/71	5th Grade Green Belt	Tangsoodo	Osan Air Base, Korea	
02/25/72	3rd Grade Red Belt	Tangsoodo	Osan Air Base, Korea	
04/22/72	1st Grade Red Belt	Tangsoodo	Osan Air Base, Korea	
05/14/72	1st Degree Black Belt	Tangsoodo	Osan Air Base, Korea	
07/23/73	2nd Degree Black Belt	Tangsoodo	Osan Air Base, Korea	
10/11/74	1st Degree Black Belt	Taekwondo	CCK Air Base, Taiwan	
08/29/76	2nd Degree Black Belt	Taekwondo	Memphis, TN	
01/28/78	3rd Degree Black Belt	Taekwondo	San Diego, CA	
02/09/80	4th Degree Black Belt	Taekwondo	San Diego, CA	
06/06/86	5th Degree Black Belt	Taekwondo	Little Rock, AR	
06/14/91	6th Degree Black Belt	Taekwondo	Little Rock, AR	
06/27/97	7th Degree Black Belt	Taekwondo	Sacramento, CA	
07/02/05	8th Degree Black Belt	Taekwondo	Lynnwood, WA	
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Bowling Kickdown Winners



UWTA Magazine "Esprit De Corps" Media sponsored it's Inaugural Bowling Kickdown. We really want to thank everyone that participated. The UWTA Magazine mission and the UWTA Magazine tag line, "Esprit De Corps", represents the essence of our purpose and existence.

Esprit de corps: *The common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honor of the group. (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary)*

The Bowling Kickdown supports Taekwondo school athletes in participating in the UWTA Grass Roots Athletic Vision. Twenty five percent (25%) of the funds rose from the Bowling Kickdown stay in the school.

Results: *All winners were chosen by the total dollar amount raised.*



Isabelle Burke, 1st place winner. Free Black Belt Testing. Raised \$466.60.



Sam Barker, 2nd place winner. 2 nights stay at Circus Circus. Raised \$447.00.

